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the **HUMAN TORCH**

Starring in: "THE RETURN OF **THE WIZARD!**"

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SETTLE BACK AND GET A TIGHT GRIP ON YOURSELF, FOR YOU ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS ANOTHER THRILLING ENCOUNTER BETWEEN THE HUMAN TORCH AND THAT EVIL GENIUS OF CRIME KNOWN AS--THE WIZARD!!

YOU WERE A FOOL TO ACCEPT MY CHALLENGE, TORCH! YOU'RE IN MY TRAP-- AND YOU'LL NEVER LEAVE HERE ALIVE!

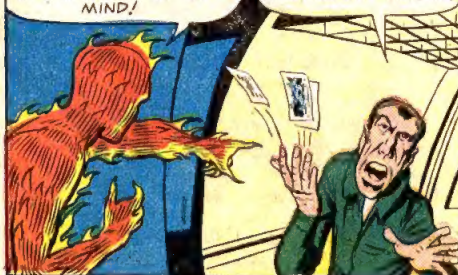
I'VE HEARD ALL THOSE THREATS **BEFORE**, WIZARD! BUT I'M STILL HERE, AND THE GUYS WHO **MADE 'EM--AREN'T!!**



IN THEIR PREVIOUS ENCOUNTER (STRANGE TALES #102) THE TORCH DEFEATED THE WIZARD BY PRETENDING TO POSSESS SUPERHUMAN POWERS!

WITHOUT EVEN TOUCHING YOUR PHOTOS, I'M MAKING THEM FLOAT OVER TO ME, BY THE POWER OF MY MIND!

IT'S TRUE! (GASP) YOUR WILL IS STRONGER THAN ALL THE LAWS OF PHYSICS!



AND ONLY AFTER THE WIZARD WAS CAPTURED, DID HE LEARN THAT THE TORCH'S GREAT MENTAL POWER WAS REALLY: THE INVISIBLE GIRL!

IT WAS A NEAT TRICK, HAVING YOU CARRY THE WIZARD'S PICTURES OVER TO ME!

HE REALLY BELIEVED THEY WERE MOVING IN THE AIR BY THEMSELVES!



BUT EVEN A PRISON TERM CANNOT CHANGE THE MASTER OF CRIME...

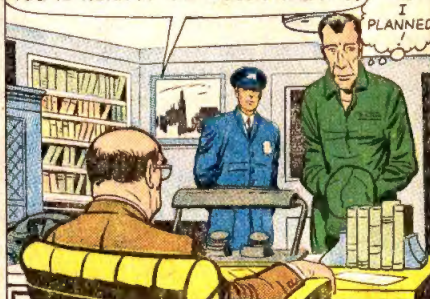
THE FOOLS THINK THEY CAN KEEP ME LOCKED UP, BUT MY SUPERIOR INTELLECT HAS ALREADY DEVISED A PLAN OF ESCAPE!



THE FIRST PHASE OF THE EVIL SCIENTIST'S PLAN CALLS FOR HIS BECOMING A MODEL PRISONER! AND, SO SUCCESSFUL IS HE....

BECAUSE OF YOUR EXCELLENT BEHAVIOR, I'M MAKING YOU A TRUSTEE AND ALLOWING YOU TO WORK IN THE PRISON HOSPITAL!

HAW! JUST AS I PLANNED

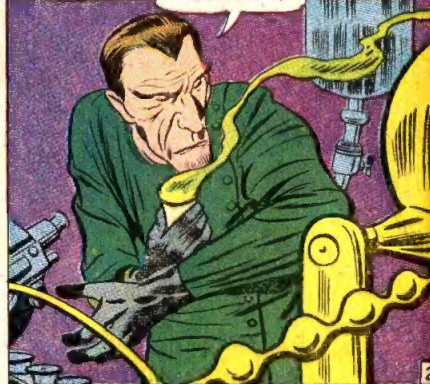


EXACTLY WHAT I WANTED! A CHANCE TO WORK WITH CHEMICALS! IN MY HANDS, THESE SEEMINGLY HARMLESS INGREDIENTS WILL SOON BECOME A POWERFUL WEAPON!



A FEW DAYS PASS, AND THEN...

THIS SERUM I'VE CONCOCTED IS POWERFUL ENOUGH TO BURN THROUGH THE STRONGEST SUBSTANCE!



THE FOLLOWING NIGHT, IN THE SECLUSION OF HIS CELL...

ALL I NEED TO DO IS SPILL THIS LIQUID ON THE WALL OF MY CELL...



... AND WITHIN A FEW SECONDS, MY SECRET FORMULA HAS EATEN A HOLE LARGE ENOUGH FOR A MAN TO PASS THROUGH!

NOT FOR NOTHING AM I CALLED THE WIZARD!



MOMENTS LATER...

HOLY HANNAH! THE WIZARD HAS ESCAPED!

SOUND THE ALARM!



THROUGH THE WALL! AFTER HIM!

HE CAN'T HAVE GOTTEN FAR! WE'LL OVERTAKE HIM!

ARRRRRRR



THEY FELL FOR IT! THEY SAW THE HOLE AND ASSUMED I HAD DASHED THRU IT!

NOW, WHILE THEY'RE CHASING ME OUT THAT WAY...



... I'LL JUST LEAVE BY THE CELL DOOR, WHICH THEY UNWITTINGLY OPENED FOR ME!

HOW LIKE CHILD'S PLAY IT IS TO OUTWIT MY MENTAL INFERIORS!



MINUTES LATER...

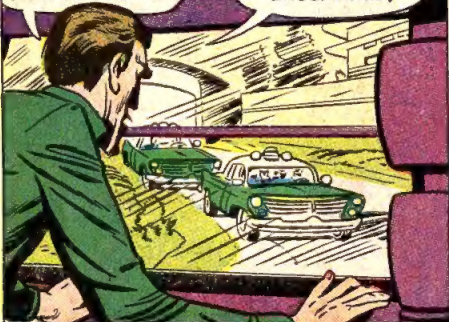
THE TORCH IS THE ONLY LIVING HUMAN WHO EVER DEFEATED ME, AND HE SHALL PAY FOR IT! I WON'T REST UNTIL I'VE DESTROYED HIM!



BUT BEFORE THE WIZARD CAN ATTEND TO THE TORCH, HE MUST TAKE PRECAUTIONS TO INSURE HIS OWN SAFETY! THIS HE DOES UPON ARRIVING HOME!

THE POLICE! THEY EXPECT TO RECAPTURE ME HERE IN MY PRIVATE ESTATE!

SURELY THEY DON'T THINK I AM WITLESS ENOUGH TO HAVE LEFT MYSELF UNGUARDED!



OUR BEST CHANCE IS TO RUSH THE HOUSE!

SMITTY, JOE-- COVER THE BACK! THE REST OF US WILL BREAK IN THROUGH THE FRONT!



BUT, WHEN THE OFFICERS TRY TO REACH THE HOUSE...

OOOF--

WHAT IN BLAZES--!!

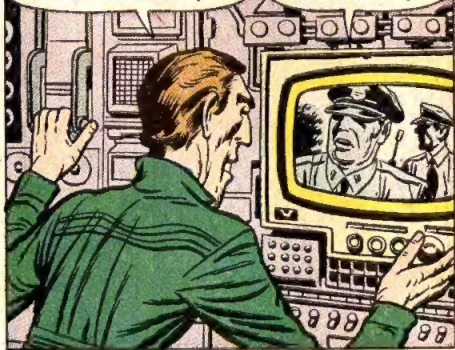
THERE'S SOME KIND OF INVISIBLE BARRIER AROUND THE BUILDING!

I--I CAN'T PASS THROUGH IT!



AS LONG AS I KEEP THE ELECTROMAGNETIC FORCE FIELD TURNED ON, NOTHING CAN REACH ME!

IT'S A STANDOFF! THE WIZARD CAN'T COME OUT... AND WE CAN'T GO IN!

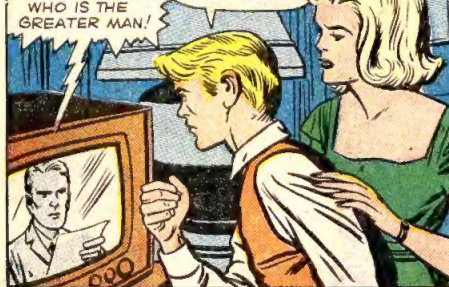


NEXT, THE DIABOLICAL SCIENTIST PHONES A LOCAL TELEVISION STATION!... AND, THAT NIGHT...

THE WIZARD CHALLENGES THE HUMAN TORCH TO BATTLE HIM AGAIN, TO DECIDE WHO IS THE GREATER MAN!

SO, THAT JOKER'S LOOKING FOR MORE TROUBLE! WELL, I'M JUST THE GUY...

NO, JOHNNY, YOU MUSTN'T!



WHATTA YOU MEAN I MUSTN'T??! MY REPUTATION IS AT STAKE! I'LL MAKE THAT EGGBREAD RUE THE DAY HE WAS BORN!

I SAID NO! MEMBERS OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR DON'T GET INTO FIGHTS JUST TO SATISFY THEIR OWN PRIDE!



SO YOU JUST LET THE POLICE HANDLE HIM, LITTLE BROTHER!

IF SHE THINKS I'M GONNA CHICKEN OUT OF FIGHTIN' THE WIZARD, SHE'S BATTY!



I'LL JUST CREATE AN IMITATION HUMAN TORCH, SO OL' MOTHER HEN WON'T KNOW I'VE LEFT!



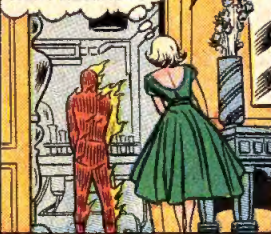
I'LL ATTEND TO THE WIZARD AND RETURN 'WAY BEFORE SUE HAS A CHANCE TO WISE UP!



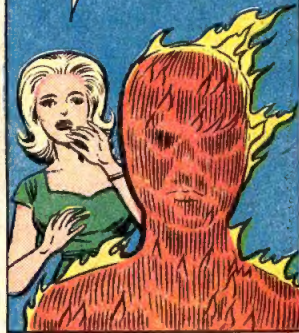
BUT, A FEW MINUTES LATER...

JOHNNY MUST BE EXPERIMENTING AGAIN TO TRY TO PROLONG HIS FLAME PERIOD! I'M SORRY I WAS SO CURT WITH HIM BEFORE! I'LL TRY TO SOOTHE HIS FEELINGS!

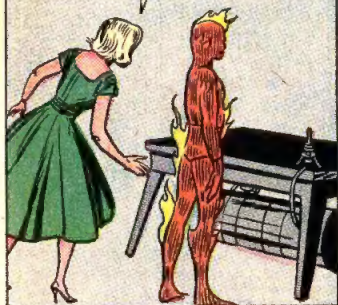
HI, JOHNNY-- HOW'S IT GOING?



JOHNNY, WHY DON'T YOU ANSWER ME? JOHNNY!



IT-IT'S NOT JOHNNY! IT'S A DUPLICATE FIERY FIGURE! THAT FOOL BROTHER OF MINE'S GONE AFTER THE WIZARD DESPITE MY WARNING!



ALARMED, SUE CONTACTS FANTASTIC FOUR HEADQUARTERS...

BUT YOU MUST HELP HIM, REED!

NO, SUE... JOHNNY HAS TO GROW UP AND STAND ON HIS OWN TWO FEET SOMETIME! THE THING AND I WON'T INTERFERE IN THIS!



YOU TELL 'ER, PAL!

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DISCOVERY

BEFORE Chauncey set out for the Hotchkiss Fair, he took his rinky-dink car into the gas station.

"Better watch those tires," the attendant told him. Doesn't look as if you got enough rubber left on 'em to make a rubber band."

"Oh, I'm not worried about Irmegarde," said Chauncey devotedly. Irmegarde was the name of his old jalopy. "You can fill 'er up now. And in the meantime, I'll hop over to the diner and get me some food fuel."

The attendant looked at Chauncey's wiry frame and smiled.

"You sure could do with a square meal."

Chauncey laughed good-naturedly, although the remark left his feelings slightly bruised. As he caught sight of himself in the mirror behind the diner's counter, he sighed. He wasn't what you would call a substantial-looking fellow. In fact, he was lean enough to be Jack Sprat's son, he admitted regretfully.

He ordered a large lunch for himself, and before he left the diner, he bought a candy bar.

"For once," he told himself, "I'm going to see what I can do about putting a little beef on my bones. If I were any thinner, folks wouldn't be able to see me if I stood sideways. Maybe this time I'll speak to Muscles Magee and ask him for some tips on building myself up."

Muscles Magee was always a big attraction at the Hotchkiss

Fair. He offered any man who could stand up against him in the boxing ring the sum of one thousand dollars! So far no one had been able to claim the prize, although Chauncey had seen some pretty tough characters step into the ring to do battle with Muscles.

He whistled gayly as he walked over to Irmegarde. He put the candy bar in his pocket to munch on later, and started off.

Irmegarde rattled along the dusty road, her engine sputtering every now and then like the crackle of corn popping. Chauncey handled the wheel skillfully. Some kids on bicycles whizzed past and laughed at the crawling car.

"Don't let them hurt your feelings, Irmegarde," said Chauncey fondly. "We can take our time in getting there."

But the damage had already been done. As Chauncey well knew, Irmegarde was terribly sensitive about being hooted at. She coughed with annoyance (anyway her engine did). And she sulked to such a point that her rear tire became depressed and flattened to a grim, fizzling flat.

"Oh, come on, Irme, don't take it so hard when folks poke fun at you. I'm not that way, and you shouldn't be either," urged Chauncey. But Irmegarde balked in her tracks like a stubborn old mule and refused to budge forward.

Chauncey hopped from the car and inspected the flat tire unhappily. He checked with his watch.

"By the time I get you a new

tire," he said, "I'll be too late for the Hotchkiss Fair. And here I was looking forward to consulting with Muscles Magee. Why'd you have to go and spoil everything now, Irmegarde?"

Chauncey took the jack from the back of the car and prepared to set it under the car. That way he would be able to crank up the car and change the tire. But as luck would have it, the jack wouldn't do the trick.

"This is a fine time for the jack to be broken," sighed Chauncey.

"You need some help, Mister?" squeaked a frail voice behind Chauncey. Chauncey turned around quickly. A scrawny-looking fellow had come up behind him. He was dressed in farmer's overalls. Probably he had been working in the nearby fields and had come over to see if he could be of any assistance.

"That's mighty nice of you to offer," said Chauncey politely. And as Chauncey looked at the fellow, he couldn't quite believe his eyes. Chauncey had thought that he was a slim Jim, but by comparison with this wiry fellow, Chauncey was fat! "I don't think anyone can do much good now. My car's got a flat and the jack's broken. I won't be able to change the tire now."

"Why sure you will!" the stranger insisted. "I'll lift the car up for you."

Before Chauncey could lower his chin to speak, the scrawny-looking fellow put out his hand, and with an easy motion picked Irmegarde's rear fender off the

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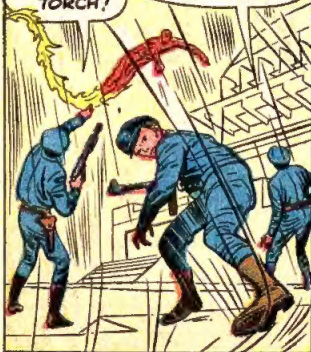
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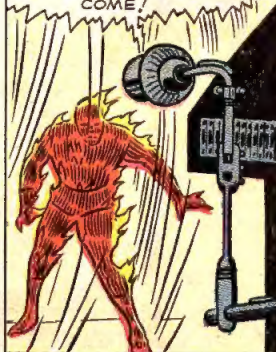
AND SO THE IMPETUOUS TEEN-AGER IS ON HIS OWN, AS HE FLIES TO MEET THE WIZARD'S GRIM CHALLENGE...

LOOK! IT'S THE HUMAN TORCH!

HE CAN CAPTURE THE WIZARD IF ANYONE CAN!



WELCOME, MY FIERY FOE! I SHALL LIFT THE FORCE FIELD LONG ENOUGH FOR YOU TO PASS THROUGH! BUT IF THE POLICE TRY TO SLIP BY WITH YOU, I'LL BLAST THEM TO KINGDOM COME!



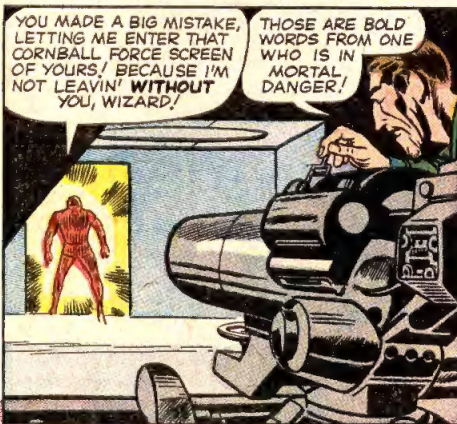
THE ELECTRO-MAGNETIC FORCE FIELD IS REMOVED, TORCH! YOU MAY COME THROUGH TO MY HOUSE!

THE REST OF YOU STAY BACK! THE WIZARD DOESN'T MAKE IDLE THREATS!

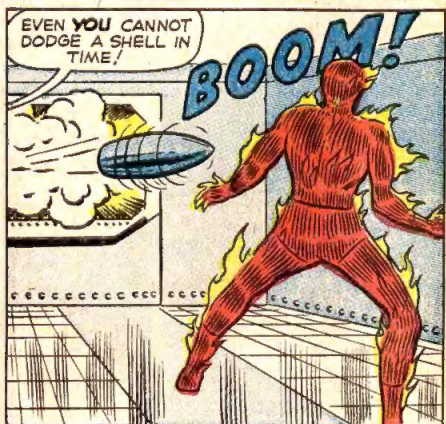


YOU MADE A BIG MISTAKE, LETTING ME ENTER THAT CORNBALL FORCE SCREEN OF YOURS! BECAUSE I'M NOT LEAVIN' WITHOUT YOU, WIZARD!

THOSE ARE BOLD WORDS FROM ONE WHO IS IN MORTAL DANGER!



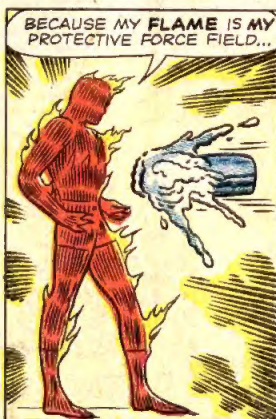
EVEN YOU CANNOT DODGE A SHELL IN TIME!



I DON'T HAVE TO DODGE IT!



BECAUSE MY FLAME IS MY PROTECTIVE FORCE FIELD...



...AND IT'S JUST AS EFFECTIVE AS YOURS!

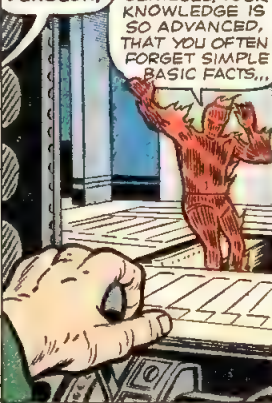


GOT ANY MORE SHELLS YOU WANNA HAVE MELTED, WIZ?

SO, YOU'RE INVULNERABLE TO ARTILLERY! BUT DO NOT GLOAT TOO SOON! I HAVE OTHER, MORE POTENT DEVICES AWAITING YOU...



...IN AN ASBESTOS-LINED DUNGEON!

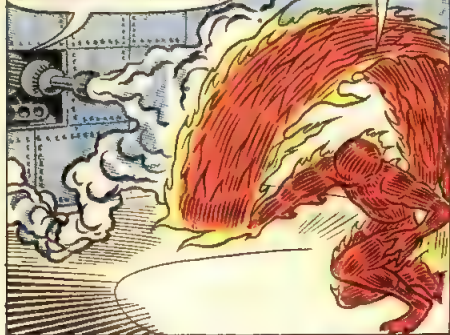


THAT'S THE TROUBLE WITH YOU GENIUSES! YOUR KNOWLEDGE IS SO ADVANCED, THAT YOU OFTEN FORGET SIMPLE BASIC FACTS...

...SUCH AS THE FACT FIRE IS LIGHTER THAN AIR, SO THE HUMAN TORCH DOESN'T FALL THROUGH TRAP DOORS!

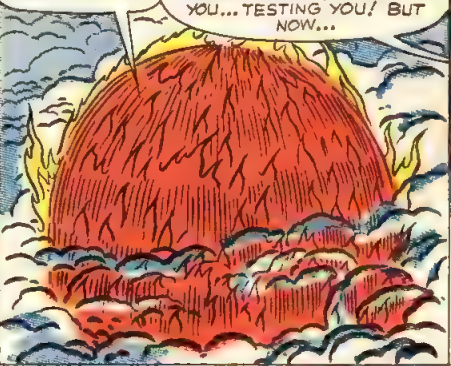


NOW THAT YOU ARE OFF-GUARD, I'LL SUBJECT YOU TO THIS POWERFUL NERVE GAS WHICH EVEN YOU CANNOT WITHSTAND!



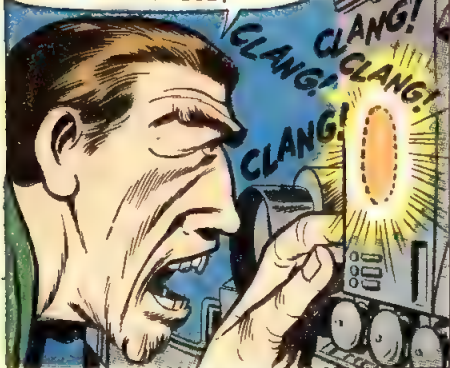
I CAN'T! THAT'S WHY I'M CREATING A WALL OF FIRE...

...TO KEEP THE GAS FROM REACHING ME!



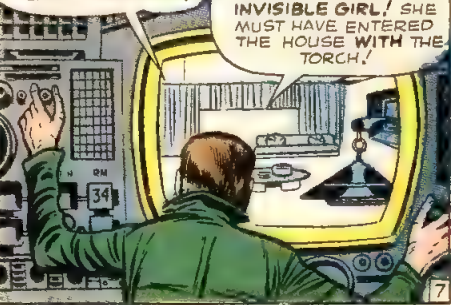
YOU ARE INDEED CLEVER, TORCH, BUT SO FAR I HAVE BEEN MERELY TOYING WITH YOU... TESTING YOU! BUT NOW...

WAIT! THE ALARM IS RINGING! SOMEONE ELSE HAS ENTERED THE HOUSE!



THE WIZARD RUSHES TO THE VIDEO SCANNER AND FLASHES IT ON!

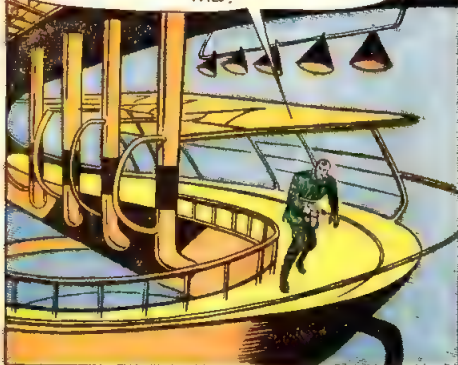
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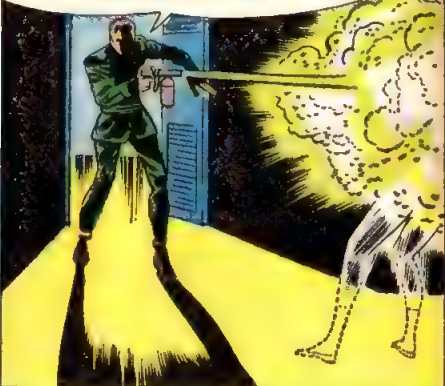
THERE IS ONLY ONE POSSIBLE ANSWER! IT MUST BE THE UNSEEN MEMBER OF THE FANTASTIC FOUR--THE INVISIBLE GIRL! SHE MUST HAVE ENTERED THE HOUSE WITH THE TORCH!

GRABBING A SIMPLE-LOOKING SPRAY GUN, THE WIZARD RACES TO ROOM 34...

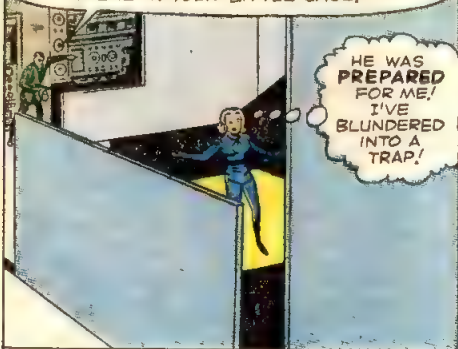
THE TORCH WILL KEEP UNTIL I DISPOSE OF THE INVISIBLE GIRL! HE'LL GET LOST WANDERING AROUND TRYING TO FIND ME!



THIS SPRAY IS A SPECIAL INVENTION OF MINE, WHICH I HAVE KEPT FOR JUST SUCH A PURPOSE! I MERELY SPRAY IT AROUND THE ROOM, UNTIL... HAH! THERE YOU ARE!



THE SPRAY BROUGHT OUT YOUR NORMAL IMAGE AS I KNEW IT WOULD! NOW I'LL RAISE THE AUTOMATIC WALL PANELS, AND LEAVE YOU THERE IN YOUR LITTLE CAGE!



THE WALLS HAVE RISEN TOO FAST! I CAN'T GET OUT!

HIS ENTIRE MANSION IS JUST ONE TERRIFYING HAZARD AFTER ANOTHER!



I'M HELPLESS IN HERE!

PRECISELY! AND THAT'S NOT THE WORST OF IT, MY MEDDLESOME FEMALE!

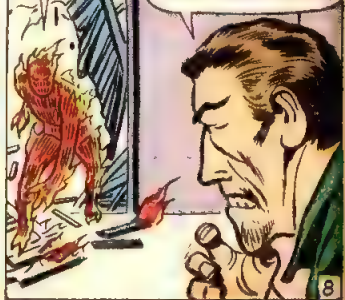


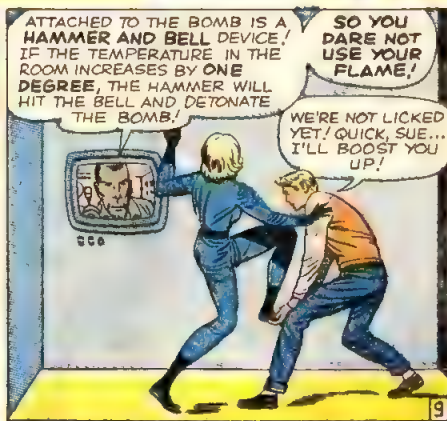
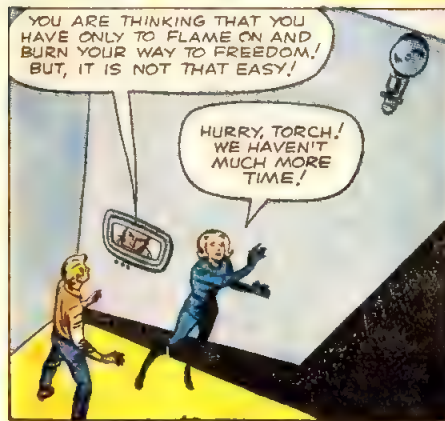
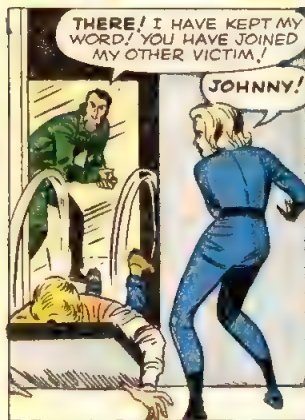
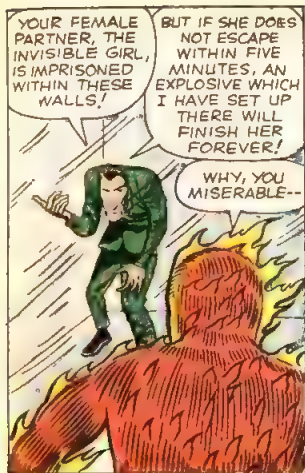
BY PLANTING THIS DEVICE IN THE WALL, I INEXORABLY SEAL YOUR DOOM!



SO THERE YOU ARE! I WAS AFRAID YOU'D SKIPPED OUT!

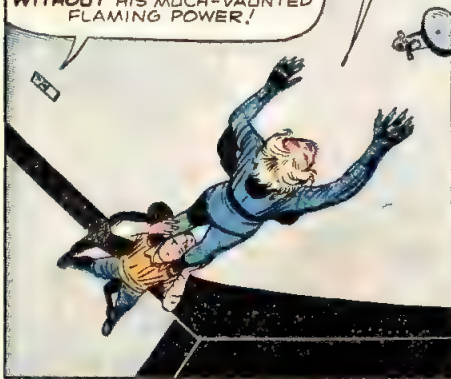
NOT A CHANCE, TORCH! I WAS MERELY PREPARING A NEW TEST FOR YOU! ONE THAT WILL MAKE THE OTHERS SEEM LIKE CHILD'S PLAY!





IT-IT'S TOO HIGH! I CAN'T REACH IT!!

NATURALLY! NOW LET US SEE HOW CLEVER THE TORCH IS... WITHOUT HIS MUCH-VAUNTED FLAMING POWER!



OH, JOHNNY... WE'RE BEATEN!

NO! WE'VE STILL GOT ONE CHANCE!

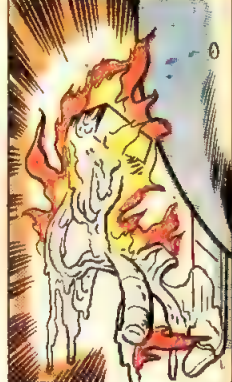
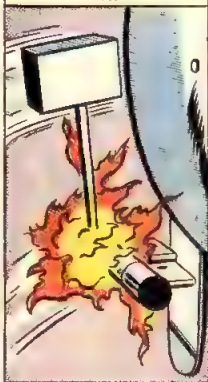
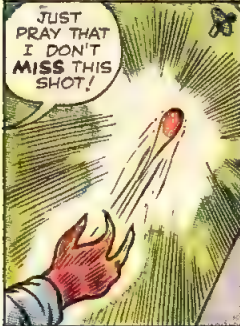


CREATING A SMALL FIREBALL OF INTENSE HEAT, JOHNNY HURLS IT TOWARD THE HAMMER AT SUPER-SPEED...

THE HEAT OF THE FIREBALL TRIGGERS THE HAMMER, BUT BEFORE IT CAN HIT THE BELL...

...THE FIREBALL HITS IT...

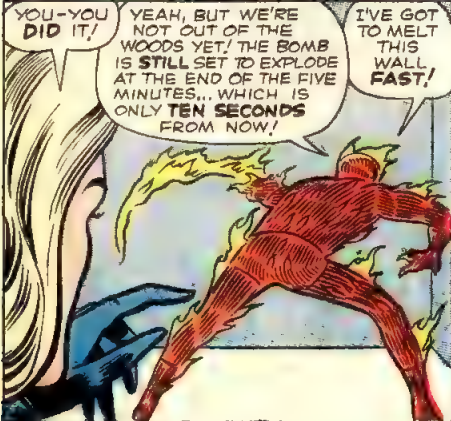
...AND MELTS IT!!



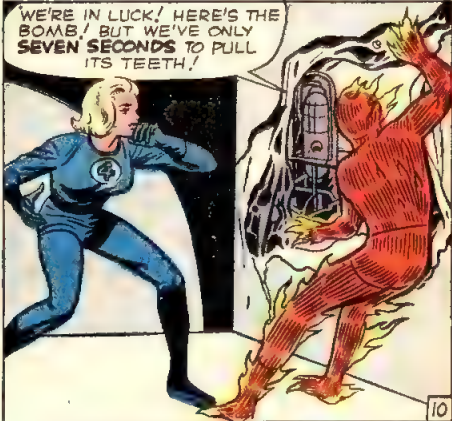
YOU-YOU DID IT!

YEAH, BUT WE'RE NOT OUT OF THE WOODS YET! THE BOMB IS STILL SET TO EXPLODE AT THE END OF THE FIVE MINUTES... WHICH IS ONLY TEN SECONDS FROM NOW!

I'VE GOT TO MELT THIS WALL FAST!



WE'RE IN LUCK! HERE'S THE BOMB! BUT WE'VE ONLY SEVEN SECONDS TO PULL ITS TEETH!



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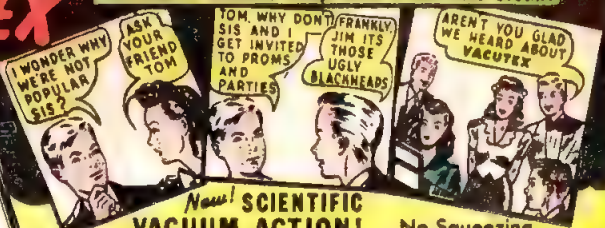
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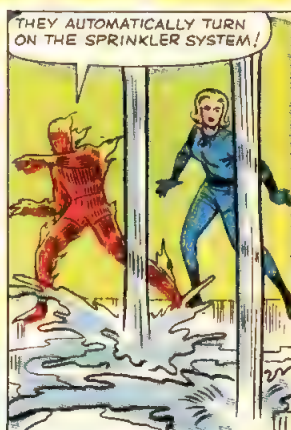
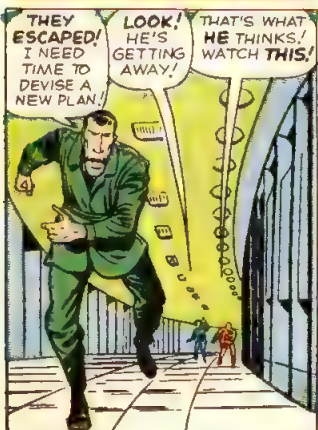
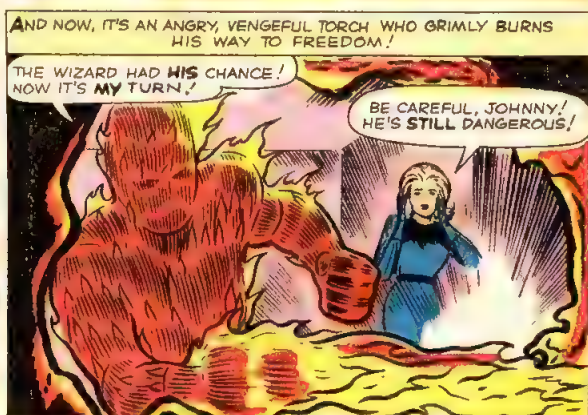
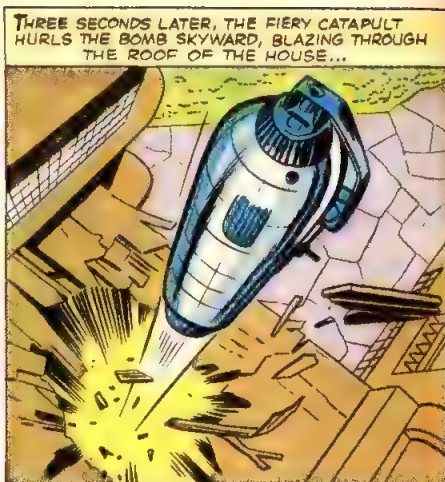
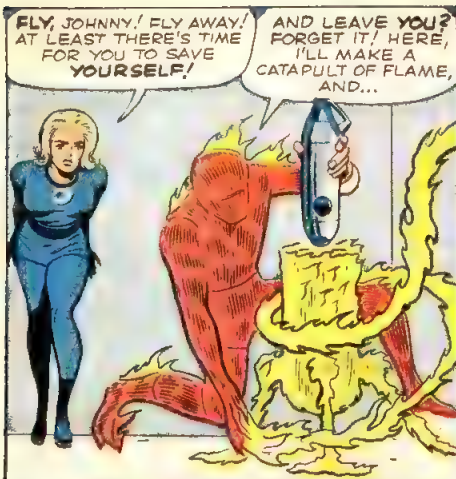
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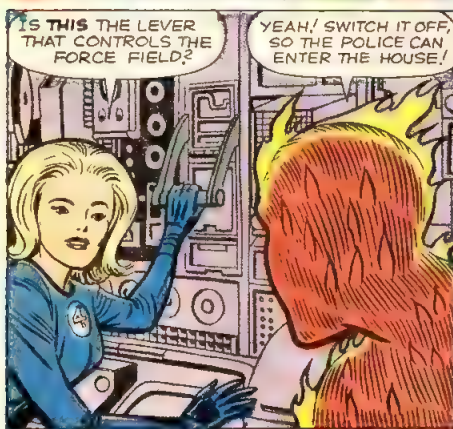
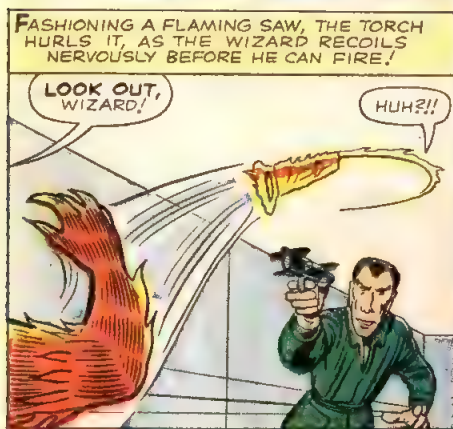
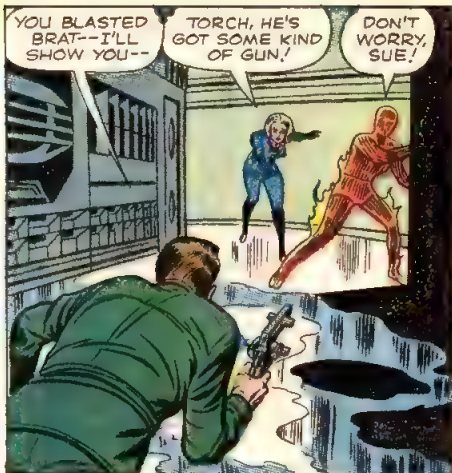
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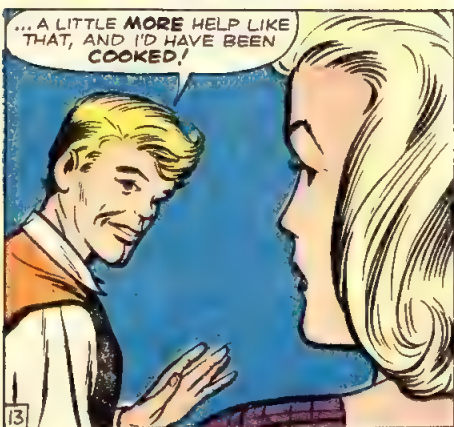
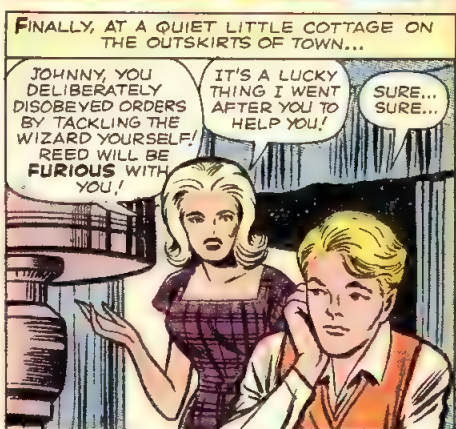
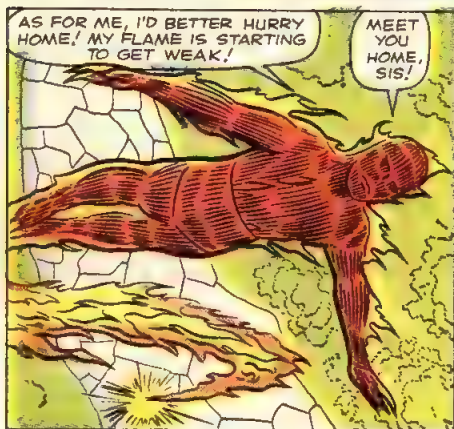
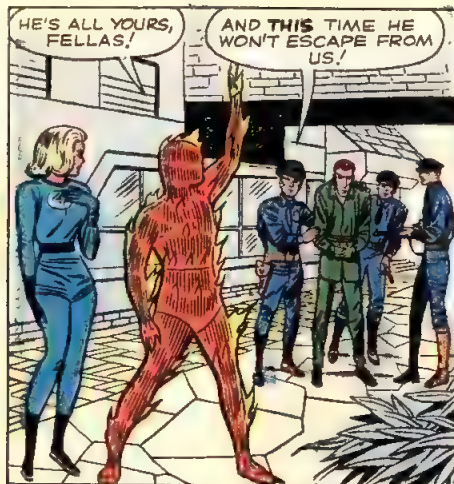
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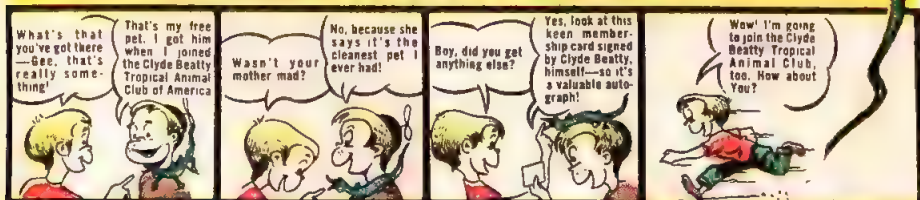
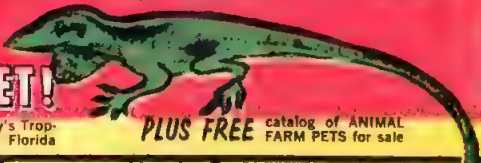




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NO... UHHH... NO...



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NO! YOU CAN'T!



TAKE THE PRISONER AWAY!

STOP! LET ME GO!

IT IS USELESS TO RESIST!

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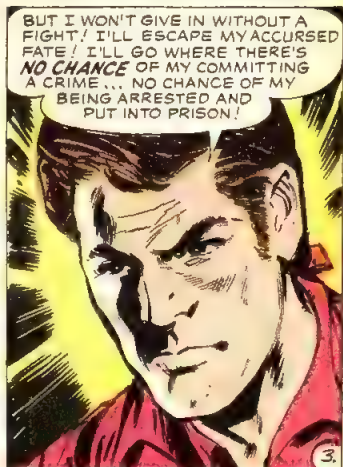
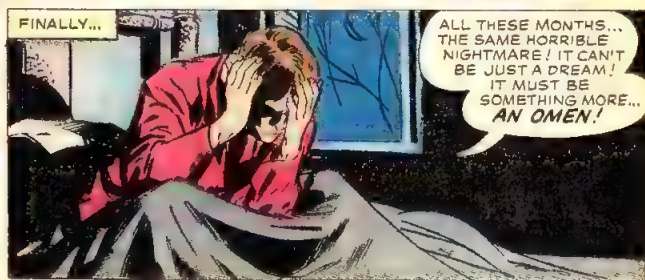


LET ME OUT! OPEN THE DOOR! SOB!!



YOU CAN'T KEEP ME LOCKED UP FOR YEARS-- WITHOUT SEEING ANYONE-- WITHOUT TALKING TO ANYONE! YOU CAN'T! YOU CAN'T!



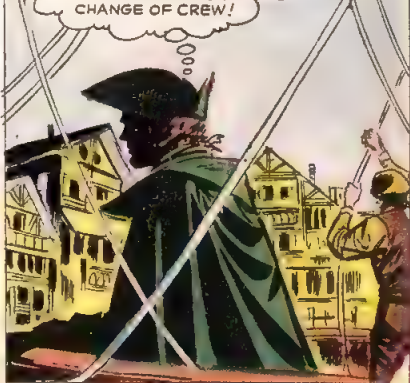


"SO THE
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BOUGHT
A BOAT..."

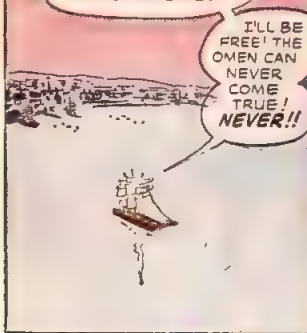
ALL NATIONS HAVE LAWS AND
PRISONS! THE ONLY WAY I CAN
BE CERTAIN OF ESCAPING MY
FATE, IS TO GO TO **SEA!**



I'LL SAIL THE OCEANS OF EARTH,
STOPPING ONLY A FEW DAYS EACH
MONTH AT OUT-OF-OF-WAY PORTS
FOR SUPPLIES AND A
CHANGE OF CREW!



THE SEA WILL BE MY NEW HOME!
HERE THERE WILL BE NO LAWS
FOR ME TO BREAK! NO ONE TO
ARREST ME! NO PRISON
TO CONFIN ME!

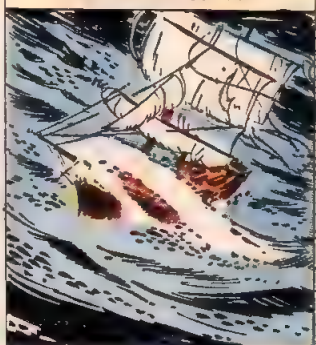


I'LL BE
FREE! THE
OMEN CAN
NEVER
COME
TRUE!
NEVER!!

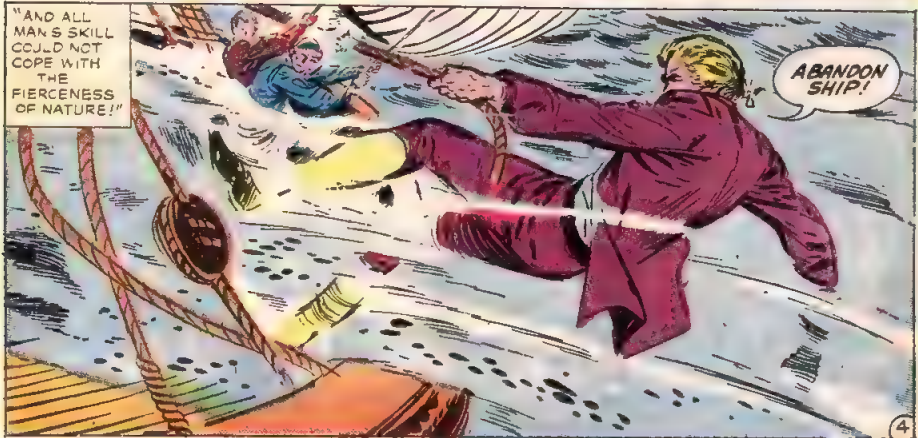
"THEN, ONE DAY A FEW
MONTHS LATER, THE SKY
GREW DARK AND THE SEA
BEGAN TO SWELL--"



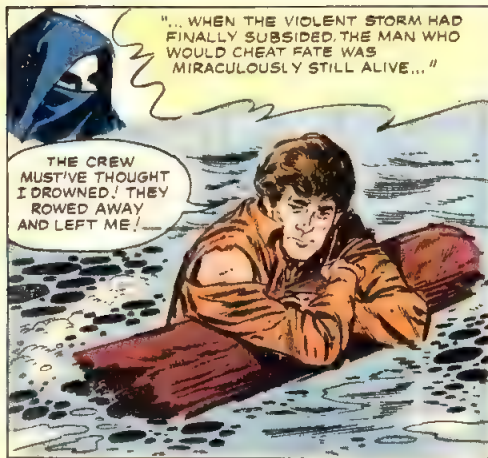
"BEFORE THE SHIP COULD FIND A
SAFE HARBOR, IT WAS CAUGHT IN
THE FULL FURY OF HOWLING WIND
AND RAGING SEA..."



"AND ALL
MAN'S SKILL
COULD NOT
COPE WITH
THE
FIERCENESS
OF NATURE!"



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SHIP!**



"... WHEN THE VIOLENT STORM HAD FINALLY SUBSIDED, THE MAN WHO WOULD CHEAT FATE WAS MIRACULOUSLY STILL ALIVE..."

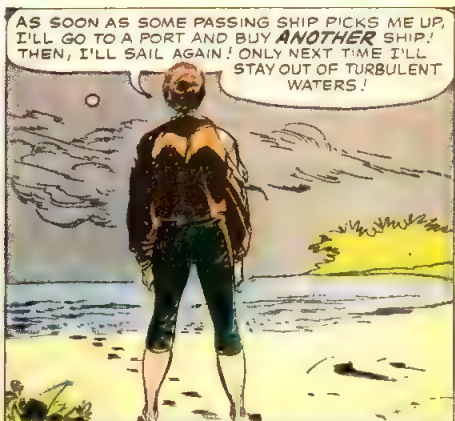
THE CREW MUST'VE THOUGHT I DROWNED! THEY ROWED AWAY AND LEFT ME!



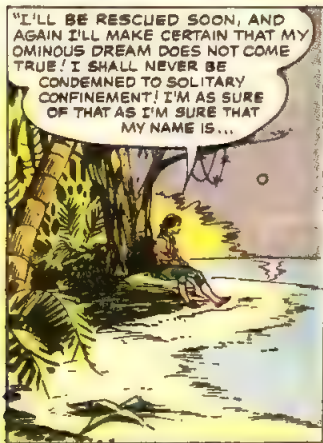
BUT THE DRIFTWOOD WILL KEEP ME AFLOAT LONG ENOUGH TO REACH THAT ISLAND YONDER!



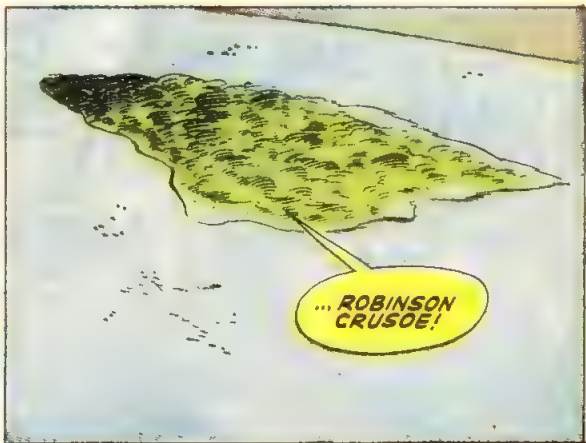
I MADE IT! I'M SAFE!



AS SOON AS SOME PASSING SHIP PICKS ME UP, I'LL GO TO A PORT AND BUY **ANOTHER SHIP!** THEN, I'LL SAIL AGAIN! ONLY NEXT TIME I'LL STAY OUT OF TURBULENT WATERS!



"I'LL BE RESCUED SOON, AND AGAIN I'LL MAKE CERTAIN THAT MY OMINOUS DREAM DOES NOT COME TRUE! I SHALL NEVER BE CONDEMNED TO SOLITARY CONFINEMENT! I'M AS SURE OF THAT AS I'M SURE THAT MY NAME IS..."



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ground.

Chauncey was so stunned by this amazing display of strength, that he stood there, stunned.

"Now, how long do you expect me to hold this car up for you?" asked the stranger irritably. "I got more important things to do than pose here like I was waiting to get my picture taken."

"Oh, I'm sorry Mr. . . . Mr. . . ."

"I'm not exactly able to shake hands with you right now," sighed the stranger, hefting Irmegarde into the air and holding her there as if she were a toy. "But my name's Zeke, and I'd be much obliged if you'd change the tire and let me get back to my farm. I got work to do."

"Th-thank you, Zeke," stammered Chauncey. He fumbled with the tire and changed it, as Zeke held the car up for him with an effortless strength.

"I can't thank you enough," Chauncey said, when he was finished and Zeke set the car down upon the ground again. "I hope you don't think I'm nosy, but a fellow strong as you could make a thousand dollars in a hurry over at the Hotchkiss Fair. There's a fellow there called Muscles Magee . . ."

Zeke frowned in annoyance.

"Look here, Mister, you've taken up enough of my time. I don't normally bother with folks around here. I got enough to do back on my farm without listening to such nonsense."

"But with your strength, you could make a fortune," Chauncey protested. "Why, if I could be half as strong as you . . ."

Zeke sighed and shook his head. He looked at Chauncey sympathetically.

"Well, I'll have to admit

you're the only fellow I've ever seen who looked puny enough to be related to me. I feel sorry for you. I used to be a weakling until this traveling salesman came to the house once with his *Magic Strength* candy bars. I bought up his entire stock, and they sure helped me. Here . . . you take one and try it. But don't tell anyone else about it. Otherwise folks'll never stop pestering me, and I just got to do my work and not be bothered all the time."

Zeke tossed a candy bar to Chauncey, and walked off



quickly.

Chauncey beamed and put the candy bar in his pocket.

He urged Irmegarde to hurry along now, and finally they drove into the Hotchkiss Fair parking lot.

Chauncey headed fast as he could for the boxing ring where Muscles Magee stood ready to accept all comers. Hurriedly, Chauncey ate the magic candy bar. Then, bravely, he stepped into the ring and asked for a chance to knock out Muscles Magee.

The crowd hooted. Muscles laughed and pleaded with Chauncey to change his mind.

"Why, I don't want to hurt

you, but if you insist . . ."

"I *do* insist," said skinny Chauncey stoutly.

The crowd gathered round and yelled for Muscles to give the poor fellow a chance. And then, to everyone's amazement, with one telling blow, Chauncey set Muscles flat on his back!

"It's a fake!" Muscles' manager cried indignantly. "I tell you it's got to be a fake! No guy this size could ever knock out Muscles Magee!"

Chauncey demanded his thousand dollars, but suddenly the manager grabbed his coat and took from his pocket a candy bar.

"Look here," said the manager roaring like a rhino. "I told you it was a fake! This candy bar says *Magic Strength*. It's a fix! Just like I told you. This guy isn't on the level!"

Angrily, the crowd began to boo Chauncey. The next thing he knew, they had chased him indignantly from the park crying, "Fake!"

Chauncey quickly drove Irmegarde away. He had eaten the *wrong* candy bar. In his excitement, he had digested the candy bar he purchased in the diner. The *Magic Strength* bar Zeke had given him had remained untouched in his coat pocket where the manager had discovered it!

"Irmegarde!" exclaimed Chauncey excitedly. "I'm strong! Why I've got strength I never even knew about!"

Irmegarde's engine gurgled happily but wearily.

Chauncey stopped the car. He got out and lifted it tenderly in his arms. Gratefully, he carried his old, but faithful Irmegarde the rest of the way home!

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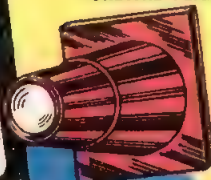
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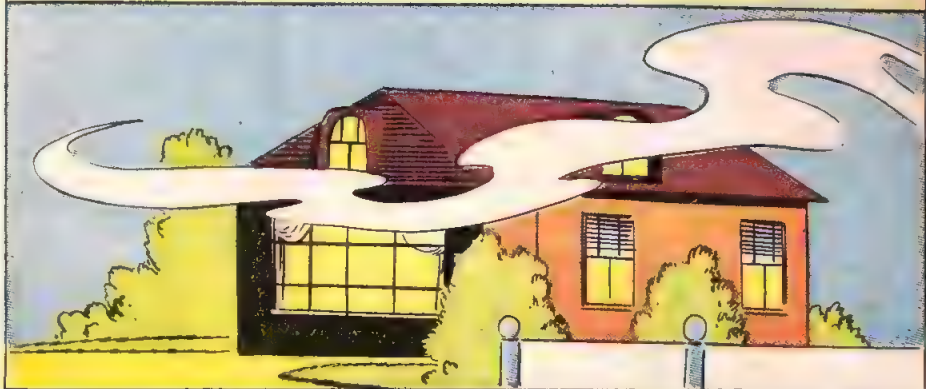
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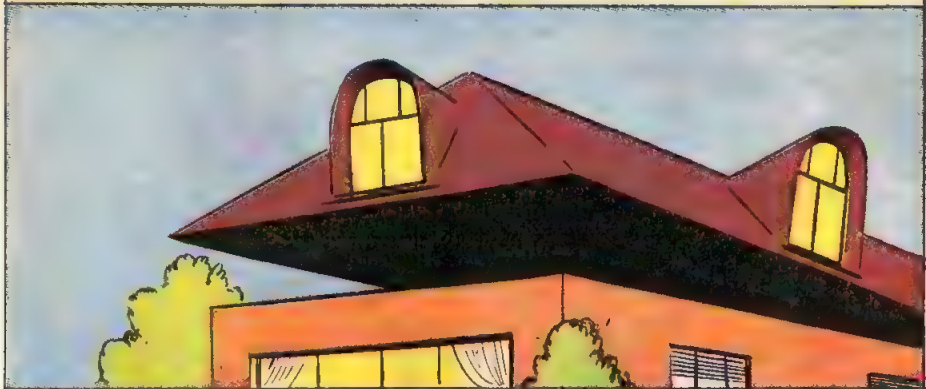
HOW WOULD YOU DEFINE
THE SUPERNATURAL??
EVERYBODY SEEMS TO HAVE
THEIR OWN VERSION! NOW,
ON THE PAGES THAT FOLLOW,
YOU WILL SEE EVENTS THAT
MUST BE CALLED SUPER-
NATURAL! OR--**MUST** THEY?



THIS MAY LOOK LIKE AN ORDINARY, AVERAGE AMERICAN HOME, AND YET, SLOWLY A LIGHT WISP OF SMOKE FLOATS TOWARDS THE SILENT HOUSE...



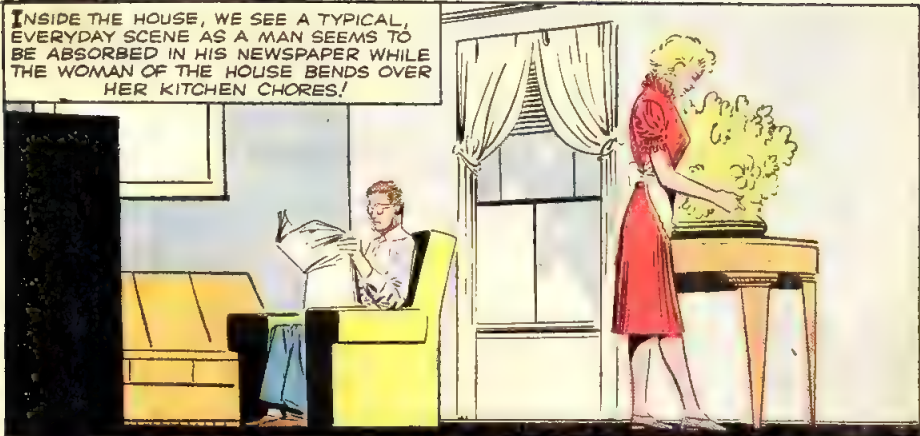
AND, MOMENTS LATER, WITH NO WARNING, THE **ROOF** BEGINS TO RISE GENTLY INTO THE AIR!



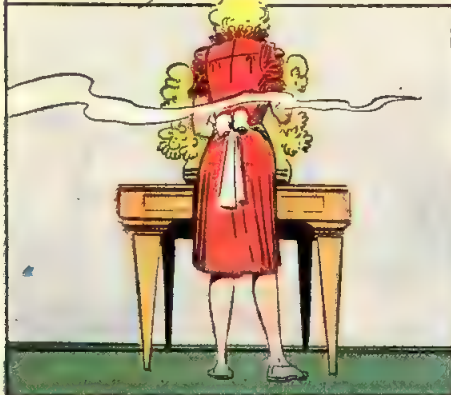
UNTIL, BEFORE OUR VERY EYES-- IT HAS **VANISHED!**



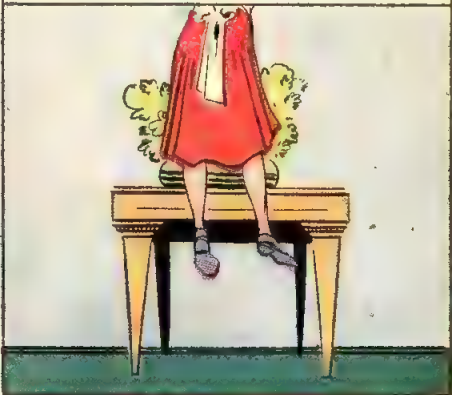
INSIDE THE HOUSE, WE SEE A TYPICAL, EVERYDAY SCENE AS A MAN SEEMS TO BE ABSORBED IN HIS NEWSPAPER WHILE THE WOMAN OF THE HOUSE BENDS OVER HER KITCHEN CHORES!



BUT ONCE AGAIN WE CATCH A GLIMPSE OF THE SLOWLY MOVING SMOKEY VAPOR...



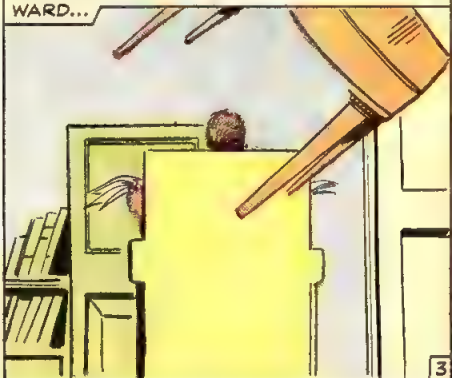
...AND THIS TIME IT IS THE WOMAN WHO SILENTLY RISES INTO THE AIR...



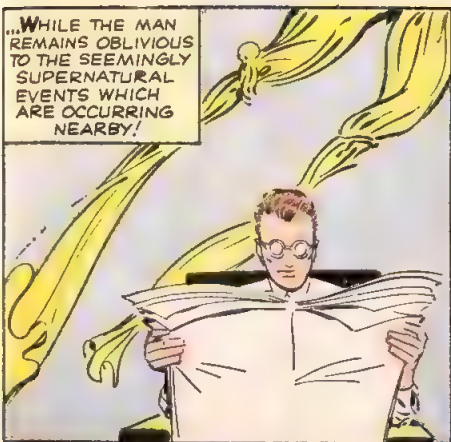
...AS THE MAN OF THE HOUSE CONTINUES TO STARE AT HIS NEWSPAPER, UNAWARE OF WHAT HAS TAKEN PLACE!



AT THIS POINT, THE PACE OF OUR STRANGE TALE ACCELERATES, AS THE VERY FURNITURE ITSELF BEGINS TO FLOAT UPWARD...



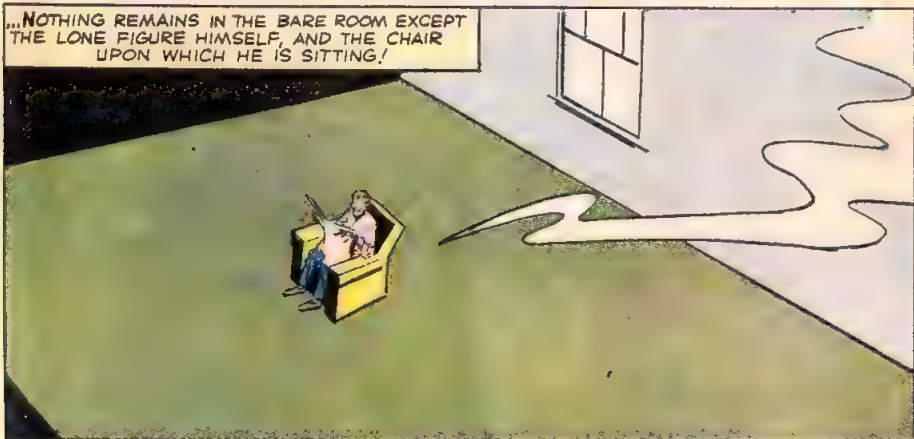
...WHILE THE MAN
REMAINS OBVIOUS
TO THE SEEMINGLY
SUPERNATURAL
EVENTS WHICH
ARE OCCURRING
NEARBY!



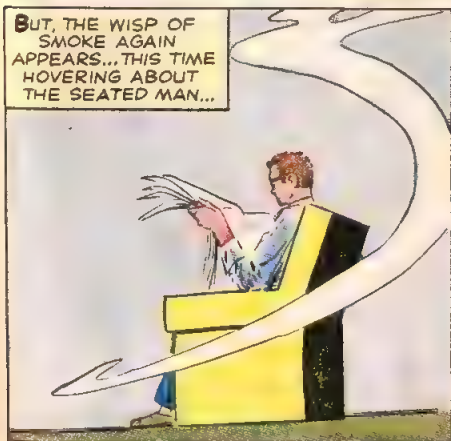
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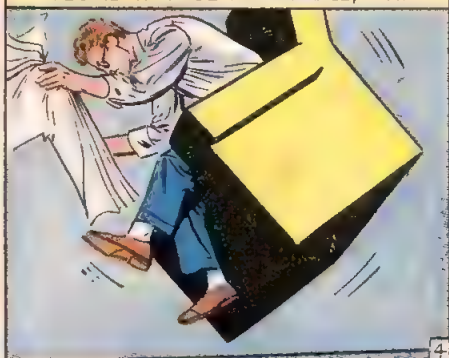
...NOTHING REMAINS IN THE BARE ROOM EXCEPT
THE LONE FIGURE HIMSELF, AND THE CHAIR
UPON WHICH HE IS SITTING!



BUT, THE WISP OF
SMOKE AGAIN
APPEARS... THIS TIME
HOVERING ABOUT
THE SEATED MAN...



...AND THE FINAL ITEM OF FURNITURE IN THE
ROOM IS LIFTED INTO THE AIR AS THOUGH
IT IS WEIGHTLESS, AS THE CHAIR'S OCCUPANT
BEGINS TO LOSE HIS BALANCE, AND...



FINALLY, THE SILENCE IS BROKEN BY THE SOUND OF THE CRASH!

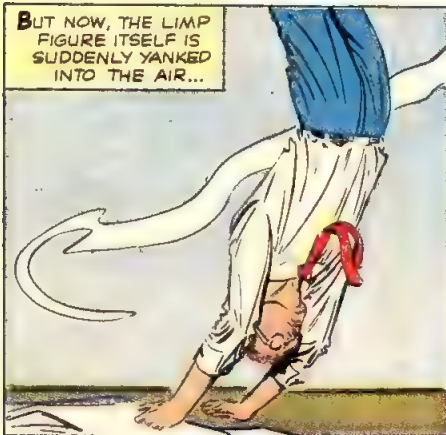
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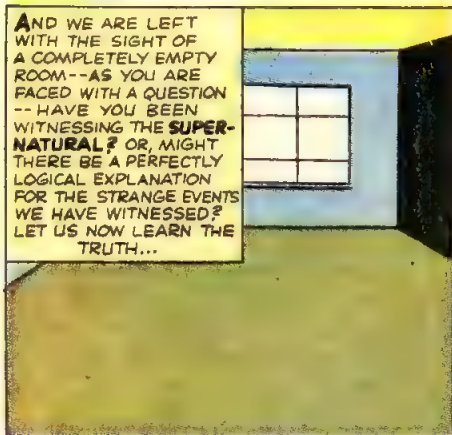
AND THEN ALL IS QUIET AGAIN!



BUT NOW, THE LIMP FIGURE ITSELF IS SUDDENLY YANKED INTO THE AIR...



AND WE ARE LEFT WITH THE SIGHT OF A COMPLETELY EMPTY ROOM--AS YOU ARE FACED WITH A QUESTION -- HAVE YOU BEEN WITNESSING THE **SUPER-NATURAL**? OR, MIGHT THERE BE A PERFECTLY LOGICAL EXPLANATION FOR THE STRANGE EVENTS WE HAVE WITNESSED? LET US NOW LEARN THE TRUTH...



THERE, DADDY! I TOOK EVERYTHING OUT OF MY OLD DOLL HOUSE AND PUT IT ALL INTO MY **NEW** ONE! I'M SURE MY DOLLS WILL BE MUCH MORE COMFORTABLE IN **HERE!**

I'M SURE THEY WILL, DEAR! IF THE SMOKE FROM MY PIPE IS BOTHERING YOU, LET ME KNOW, HONEY!



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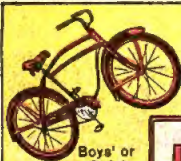
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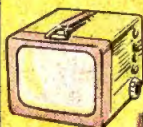
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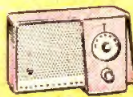
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